

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 05-339)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicant expresses appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of the present application. Applicant understands that the Examiner has thoroughly examined the claims and prior art of record and has concluded that the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, fails to disclose or suggest the entirety of each combination of steps and/or structure recited by each of the allowed claims.

In stating reasons for allowance of the claims, the Examiner stated, in paragraph 3, that “applicant’s instant invention is directed towards a method of use for a jackpot wagering system,” and the Examiner used some of the language found in claim 1, as well as additional language, to describe elements of “applicant’s instant invention.” Since claim 1 is directed to a “jackpot wagering system” and claim 17 is directed to a “method

for jackpot wagering." Applicant understands the Examiner's use of this language to be merely convenient paraphrasing. Such paraphrasing, however, does not change the language set forth in any of the claims, and Applicant does not understand the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to have intended any such change. Thus, Applicant does not acquiesce to any suggestion that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance changes the language set forth in any of the claims or changes the scope of any of the claims.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that the reasons for allowance are clear from the record of prosecution as a whole and, thus, a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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